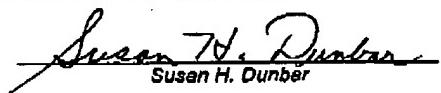


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Group 1 (claims 1-17 and 61-86) was elected by Applicants in the Response dated January 7, 2005. Upon further examination, the Examiner has restricted Group I into Group I-A (Claims 1-17) and Group I-B (Claims 61-86), and has selected Group I-A for examination. Claims 1-17 were rejected in an Office Action dated February 24, 2005. In response to the Office Action, please consider the remarks provided herein and editorially amend the above-identified patent application, as follows: